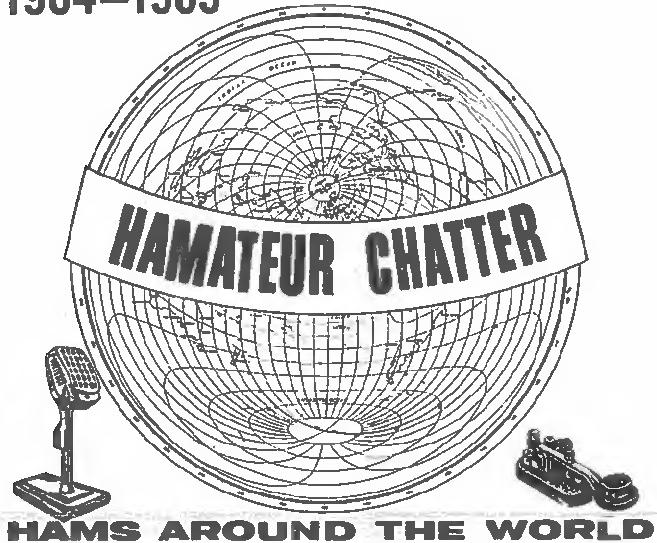


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The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

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## M.R.A.C. MEETINGS TO COME 1965

January 7 Old Timer's Night and Emergency Corps Meeting at the Pabst Brewery Hospitality Room, Tenth & Juneau

January 21 Club Auction -- Travis Baird, W9VQD, Auctioneer. Come Early - Examine The Goodies - Bring Your Piggy Bank

February 4 Herb Zawarra, W9MQA, will speak on IMTS (Improved Mobile Telephone Set), Designed for full duplex operation, Dialing direct from your car. Don't Miss This!

February 13 Valentine Party, to be held at the Patio, 1421 East Howard Avenue, 8:00 p.m. Russ Burss, W9RKP, has the tickets and all the details.

February 18 Hallicrafter's Night, either Fritz Franke or Bud Drobish will present some of their new equipment. We hope to have a valuable prize, so let's have a good turnout!

## THE USUAL POST CARD WILL REMIND YOU OF THESE AFFAIRS

### SOMETHING NEW

- by Herb Zawarra, W9MQA

Now that FCC has granted it's approval, listeners in the FM band will be hearing new audio tones on channels in the common carrier frequencies in the 150 Mc region. The new IMTS (Improved Mobile Telephone Set) is designed to make telephone usage full duplex operation. That's all on this now. Herb will give a talk on this revolutionary development at our February fourth meeting. Be sure to attend, we know you'll enjoy it.

### IMPORTANT!

- by Bob Goldstein, K9KJT

Under the rules of the ARRL, all memberships in the Emergency Corps expire on January first, 1965. DON'T LET YOURS EXPIRE! RENEW AT ONCE.

### OUR NEW WISCONSIN STATE SEC

Locally, all Amateurs will be happy to learn that Bernard E. Tower, K9ZPP, has been appointed Section Emergency Coordinator for the State of Wisconsin.

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Bernard E. Tower, K9VPP

This important assignment places Bernie in a position he has long held in emergency affairs in Milwaukee County. Hamateur Chatter bespeaks for Bernie all the cooperation he deserves, and wishes to assure all who may come in contact with him in this work that they will find in Bernie a person fully equipped and dedicated in this very important assignment.

Bernie's formal education includes the Milwaukee School of Engineering, the University of Wisconsin, and General Motors Technical Institute. He is married, has five children, and lives at 6921 West Bennett Avenue, Milwaukee, 19, Wisconsin. He is 34 years old.

He has been disaster communications chief dispatcher, Milwaukee-Waukesha Chapter of the American Red Cross; and emergency communication chief, Wisconsin Navy Mars. He is employed as supervisor at AC Spark Plug instrument calibration facilities. He is secretary of the board of directors, Lakeside Credit Union.

In a brief interview with Bernie, we quote him in some of his plans as SEC: "No community is an island unto itself or truly self-sufficient, so we must actively plan and build our emergency Amateur service into a highly mobile group, ready to go to a neighbor's assistance. Our traffic links, fixed stations, able to run (if necessary), independent of the power mains for an extended period. I hope to have fullest cooperation in all quarters of the State in organizing ourselves as Amateurs to render the greatest amount of public service, and at the same time have fun in doing it."

We congratulate Bernie, and stand ready to help him in any way that we can.

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(Photo by "Hoppy", W9KYT)

Chas. Dawson, W9CUW (left), and Romie Obermeier, Wisconsin Telephone Company (right), guest speaker at December seventeenth meeting, spoke on TELSTAR.

TELSTAR talk pleases M RAC members -- Model satellite and colored slides displayed startling information on outer space. You "sta-at-home" members missed an extraordinary evening.

#### MEMBERSHIP TALK

You will note that there is no membership application for M RAC in this issue - space problems; however, Dick Scarvaci, K9CAN, advises that he had several inquiries, and appeals to the membership to be a little more alert in helping to make it easier for these interested people to join our Club. Invite them to a club meeting and, now that the Holidays are over, to bring along their four bucks and start the New Year right.

#### ONE FOR RIPLEY:

In the recent Director Elections, the two candidates in the Hudson Division EACH received 2426 votes. The ARRL Exec Committee voted to re-ballot the Division, with the votes to be counted on January 20, 1965.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

At the Old Timers Party, to be held at the Pabst Brewery Tap, 7:45 p.m. on January seventh, the new additions to the circle will be added, says Clarence Crapo, W9VD. This is ONE meeting that you shouldn't miss, a nice affair is planned.

#### OZAUKEE RADIO CLUB'S (FEED BACK)

The club announces a Hamfest this May fifteenth, at the Belgium, Wisconsin, Auditorium. Plans and details will follow later. . . Their bulletin looks very good.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our Club has a Speakers Bureau, and frequently opportunities present themselves for you to supply a speaker to a group that you belong to. This public relations gesture helps us all, and only takes a phone call to Jack Doyle, W9GPI, at 964-0468 to arrange for one of our people to be present at your Meeting. There is no charge, of course.

#### RUSSIAN STAMP EXCHANGE

A Soviet Ham wishes to exchange or trade Soviet stamps for International Reply Coupons. If interested, write:

Slava Lyubchenko  
P. O. Box 102  
Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk  
Sakhalin Island, U. S. S. R.

#### A REPORT ON THE TOWER CASE

As of the end of November, 1964, the following is a financial report of the "Tower Case". Donations received - \$5,968.00 -- Disbursements, court costs, briefs, and attorney fees - \$5,962.20. Balance in Tower Fund - \$5.80 -- postage and printing - \$44.50. This leaves a deficit of \$38.70. Work on the Tower Fund will be resumed after the First of the Year, when new officers for the Chicago Council will be elected. Right now, "all is quiet" on the Tower Fund.

#### A NICE GESTURE

We all have Wireless Friends who have lived in the area and now reside elsewhere, and would like to get the "low down" on local people. A copy of Hamteur Chatter should fill the bill. Why not send your copy of the bulletin to them, and if they wish to be on the mailing list, have them contact one of the M RAC staff.

#### SURPRISE!

About Louis, W9ANA, presently KX6BQ (Enewetak Island)

Louie's tour on the above Pacific Island is coming to a close (next month, he prays). Then his address will change to 565 Orchard Road, Southern Pines, N. C., 28387 -- but, MEANWHILE, you will all be interested in knowing of a surprise that would floor most any one of us. An Amateur contacting Louis gave his name as DAVE, and his call as W4VDG. Louis handled this as a routine call until the W4 insisted upon REPEATING his call sign to be SURE that Louis knew he was in QSO with his own Son. . . And Louis never knew that Dave had passed his General.

David also won himself a scholarship at Duke University, about 70 miles from Southern Pines, and is studying Engineering. Can that be a lesson for some of us Fathers?

Ed.

#### SPECIAL NEW YORK CITY HOTEL RATES

It has been reported that the RUTLEDGE HOTEL, on Lexington Avenue in New York City is trying to establish itself as "Ham Headquarters". Special Discount rates are offered to guests who produce an Operators License when registering, and an Amateur Station is available for the use of visiting Hams. Hope that some of our travelers can give us a further report on this.

Ed.

#### OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 986 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CONN DEC 31 1964 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

With the approach of the ARRL International DX Competition, United States Amateurs are again reminded that the following countries object to communications between their Amateurs and those of other countries. Cambodia, Indonesia, Viet Nam and Thailand forbid such radio communication. The prefixes to avoid are UX, PK, JZ, 3W, and HS. Canadian Amateurs additionally may not contact Laos XW, and Jordan JY.

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#### GET WELL DEPARTMENT

It is a pleasure to report that A. L. Budlong, Secretary Emeritus of ARRL has recovered from his hospital session and is recuperating at home. We had reported in October "Chatter" that "Bud" had suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in a New London, Connecticut hospital.

Last month I stated that the smoothed sun spot number (based on Bureau of Standards info) would hit a new low in December or January. Now it turns out that new spots have appeared. This generally indicates that the bottom of the cycle is passed, and that the cycle has started up.

Since I have been doing so well on predictions, I'll go 'way out on a limb and fearlessly predict some more. Here they are:

I predict that:

W9ROM will submit his cards for DXCC.  
W9VSO's antenna will stay up for the DX contest.  
W9ZB will work a UG6 and four more ET3's before getting a card.

W9GPI will enter the Sweepstakes Contest -- on CW.  
K9CJK will trade his SSB equipment for a 6 Meter transceiver and give up DX.

W9FDX will get back on the air and work 125 new countries the first month.

W9DYG will give up traffic and join K9CJK on 6 Meters.  
W9LJU will submit cards for WAZ - PHONE ONLY.

W9RKP will stop calling CQ Africa.

W9RH will crank his tower all the way to the top at least once.

W9GMY will win the Wisconsin Section award for the ARRL DX contest on CW.

W9KQD will give up Amateur Radio in favor of raising dogs.

W9GIL will leave the house for work at exactly 7:15 AM every day.

W9LVR will come on the air with 1 kw and a 3 element beam at 80 feet.

W9QYW will not go on a DX-pedition.

#### HATE PUBLICATIONS

This popular type of activity rears it's ugly head at intervals. . . In the past couple of years, several have made the scene, all with a common purpose of gaining support by criticizing ARRL. Some get personal; all claim INSIDE KNOWLEDGE; most follow the editorial concept of Cap't. Billy's Whiz Bang; no great good ever results except that some guy gets a belt out of his PERSONAL hatchet-man tactics and seeing them in print; they crawl off and die. SCRATCH one more - MONITOR - a tripe monthly published in Dallas. No epitaphs -- it died last month.

#### FLORIDA-BOUND AMATEURS --

Send ONE DOLLAR to Moe Sabin, K4DJW, 1136 S. W. 74 Crt., Miami, Florida, 33144, for the 1965 HAM PHONE DIRECTORY. This handy pocket-size sturdy book lists Hams all over S. E. Florida by Call Sign. Cross-indexed, this Directory is published annually to raise money for the Variety Children's Hospital. It is current and is a great help in locating your W4 friends. Leave your Callbook at home. . . Get this one.

#### Q. C. W. A. (Quarter Century Wireless Association)

At the 17th annual dinner, held October thirtieth in New York, Mr. Earl Thomas, W2MM, was elected President to succeed John DiBlasi, W2FX, who resigned because of ill health.

#### AC SPARK PLUG OPEN HOUSE, OAK CREEK

Harold Engelke, K9CMX, and Bernie Towers, K9ZPP, were Hosts at the AC SPARK PLUG Open House recently, in connection with Amateur Radio. The ARRL furnished an elaborate display which created great interest. (see pix) Harold and Bernie are very active in AREC and members of MRAC. Harold is now assisting MRAC secretary Gleeson. Thirty thousand visitors toured the Open House.



OPERATING RTTY \*\* AC SPARK PLUG OPEN-HOUSE



Front row, left to right: Eric Schoppe, Public Relations Director; Carl Boltz, Activities; Marty Casserio, Manager, AC Spark Plug, V. P. General Motors; Harold Engelke, AREC, K9CMX, Host. Rear row: Paul Bassingame, Milwaukee Plant Manager; Bernie Tower, AREC, K9ZPP, Host.

